POSTING OF WARRANT

CERTIFICATE

To:

Lisa Waterman, Town Clerk

From:

Patricia A. Rockwood, Town Executive Secretary

Date:

February 18, 2005

This is to certify that I, Patricia A. Rockwood, acting in my capacity as the Town Executive Secretary, hereby affirm that as of February 18th, 2005, I have posted certified copies of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Budget in the following locations, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 39:5, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen:

Alton Town Hall – (a Public Place) Gilman Library – (a Public Place) Prospect Mountain High School – (a Polling Place)

UNDER SEAL OF THE TOWN, ATTEST:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

COUNTY of BELKNAP

On this the 18th day of February, 2004, personally appeared before me the above named Patricia A. Rockwood, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this certificate, and acknowledged that she has executed the same for the purposes herein contained. Before me:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alton in the County of Belknap, New Hampshire. You are hereby notified to meet at Prospect Mountain High School on Wednesday, the 9th day of March, 2005 to act upon the 2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Given under our hands and seal, on this the 7th day of February 2005, by the Alton Board of Selectmen. Attest:

Patricia Fuller, Chairman

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Alan Sherwood, Vice-Chairman

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Stephan McMahon, Selectman

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Cris Blackstone, Selectman

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alton in the County of Belknap, New Hampshire. You are hereby notified to meet at Prospect Mountain High School on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2005. The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm to act upon the following subjects:

TO VOTE FOR TWO SELECTMEN FOR THREE YEARS

TO VOTE FOR ONE SELECTMAN FOR TWO YEARS

TO VOTE FOR ONE TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS

TO VOTE FOR ONE LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS

TO VOTE FOR ONE FIRE WARD FOR THREE YEARS

TO VOTE FOR ONE CEMETERY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS

TO VOTE FOR ONE WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

TO VOTE FOR THREE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THREE YEARS

TO VOTE FOR TWO BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR TWO YEARS

TO VOTE FOR TWO BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR ONE YEAR

TO VOTE FOR TWO PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS FOR THREE YEARS

TO VOTE FOR ONE PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR TWO YEARS

TO VOTE FOR ONE PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR ONE YEAR

TO VOTE ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO ZONING AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE ALTON PLANNING BOARD

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Given under o f Selectmen.		e rd day of February 2005, by the Alton Boar
Patricia	a Fuller, Chairman	
Alan S	herwood, Vice-Chairman	
Stepha	n McMahon, Selectman	
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Cris Bl	ackstone, Selectman	

2005 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alton, in the County of Belknap, in the State of New Hampshire, duly qualified to vote in Town affairs:

2005 TOWN ELECTIONS

You are hereby notified to meet at Prospect Mountain High School in said Town, on Tuesday, the eighth (8th) day of March in the year two thousand and five (2005), between the hours of seven o' clock in the morning (7:00am), at which time the polls shall open, and seven o' clock in the evening (7:00pm), at which time the polls shall close, for the purpose of acting upon the following warrant article:

ARTICLE 1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for which there are vacancies, for such terms as may be permitted by law; and to elect: two selectmen for three years, one selectman for two years, one trustee of trust funds for three years, one library trustee for three years, one fire ward for three years, one cemetery trustee for three years, one water commissioner for three years, three budget committee members for three years, two budget committee members for two years, two budget committee members for one year, two planning board members for three years, one planning board member for two years and one planning board member for one year.

ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 8, 2005

Town Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. To vote, complete the arrow(s) (a) pointing to your choice(s), like this:

B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.

C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and complete the arrow.

SELECTMAN			BUDGET COMMITTEE			ARTICLES		
Vote for not for three years TWO PATRICIA M. FULLER	4		for two years more man TWO (Ainte-In)	4	=4	APTICLE 2: Are you in tavor of the adoption of the Interim Growth Management Ordinance (IGMO)		
VIRGIL MACDONALD	-		(Wifite-in)	400		proposed by the Alton Planning		
ALAN SHERWOOD	-	10-1	BUDGET COMMITTEE		v	Board? The proposed IGMO chall be in effect until December 31,		
(Withhir)	4		Vote for not			2005. The IGMO limits the		
(-Vunte-m)	-		for one year more men TWO			Planning Board's review to the fol-		
			(Write-in)	400		lowing classes of applications: 1) auddivisions of three lots or less		
SELECTMAN			(V/ritg-in)	4=	10.0	with no internal roads; 2) commer-		
Yote for not for two years more than ONE						cial site plans for existing commer- cial uses that want to expand or		
BILL CURTIN	400		PLANNING BOARD			change use; and 3) new commer-		٠.
TIMOTHY KINNON	-	-	Vote for not to twee years more than TWO			cial uses with minimal impact to wetands and no impact to steep		
STEPHEN MILLER	400		CYNTHIA M. BALCIUS	des.	1	slopes and aquifer protection		
A. "PETE" SHIBLEY	-	mg	BRUCE HOLMES	-		zones. There is no limitation on the		
(Witte-in)	-	. 10	(White-In)	-		Issuance of building permits for lots of record during the effective dates		
(Agricon)			(White-in)	4	mil	of the ordinance.		
TRUSTEE OF			(equiral)			The purpose of the ordinance is to		
TRUST FUNDS			PLANNING BOARD			allow the Planning Board to		
Vove for not			Vota for not			address rapid growth in the town		
for firme years More men ONE	-	med .	for two years more than ONE JEANNE CROUSE	4	mail .	by reviewing and updating the Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance,		
SHIRLEY COPELAND	4					Subdivision Regulations and Site		
(Wiffe-in)	-	-	(Write-in)	day		Plan Review Regulations and to slow the Planning Board to pra-		
LIBRARY TRUSTEE			PLANNING BOARD			pare a schedule of development		
LIBRART INVOICE			Vein for not			impact fees. (Recommended by the Planning Board, Majority vote		
for three years more than ONE			for one year more then ONE			required.)		
SHIFLEY COPELAND	400	16	JEREMY S. DUBE	400		YES	4	
(Write-In)	44	11/2	(Write-in)	+	-	NO	400	H
FIRE WARD						ARTICLE 3: Are you in fever of		
Vale for not						amending the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Alton Planning		
tor three years more than ONE KENNETH ROBERTS	Ann					Board. This amendment merely		
The state of the s	dan	-				clarifies the existing setback requirements by simplifying con-		
(m-ent/V)	-	and the				fusing language. (Recommended		
CEMETERY TRUSTEE						by the Planning Board, Majority vote required.)		
Vote for not for three years more than ONE						YES	-	-
RICHARD FOOR	-	平				NO NO	40	md
(Vynte-irs)	4							
WATED CAMBDOONED						ARTICLE 4: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as		
WATER COMMISSIONER						SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all leaves before the form of		
for three years more than CNE						Alten on the second Tuesday of		
JOHN T. CONBOY	423					March? (Submitted by Patition.) (a		
(Write-in)	-					3/5 majority is required)		
						YES	-	
BUDGET COMMITTEE						NO	-	
Vote for not for three years more than THREE								
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WARRANT ARTICLES

2005 TOWN MEETING

You are herby notified to meet at the Prospect Mountain High School on Wednesday the Ninth (9th) day of March in the year Two Thousand Five (2005), beginning at seven (7:00) o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of acting upon the following Warrant Articles:

- **ARTICLE 5**: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for \$65,000 for the purpose of leasing/purchasing an excavator and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00)** for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease/purchase agreement will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. The total amount shall be borne by the water system ratepayers and not by general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2006 [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 6**: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to enter into a four year lease/purchase agreement for \$44,000 the purpose of leasing/purchasing a truck with a crane body and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00)** for the first year's payment for that purpose. The lease/purchase agreement will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. The total amount shall be borne by the water system ratepayers and not by general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2006 [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 7**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new police patrol vehicle. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2006. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 8**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00)** to be placed in the Police Building Capital Reserve fund as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 9**: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Highway Agent and to discontinue the election of the Highway Agent upon completion of the current term, set to expire in March of 2006. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)
- **ARTICLE 10**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00)** to be added to the Library Elevator Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 11**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00)** to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. The sum of \$35,000 to come from fund balance (surplus) and no funds to

- be raised from general taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 12**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000.00**) to purchase one acre of land abutting to the transfer station to meet NH DES/EPA regulatory requirements and allow for future growth. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until purchased or by December 31st, 2006. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 13**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Four Dollars (\$4,884.00**) for funding of salary adjustments for the Highway Department AFSCME Union Agreement. This is a special warrant article. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 14**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** to be placed in the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund, as previously established. Said funds are recommended by the Town Auditors to be used to pay for benefits accrued by Town Employees and redeemed when they leave employment with the Town of Alton, in accordance with the Town Personnel Policy. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 15**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)** for the purpose of contracting with the Regional Planning Commission and other qualified consultants to assist in amending the Master Plan, Zoning ordinance, instituting impact fees, Subdivision and site plan regulations. This sum (\$30,000) to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount is to be raised from taxation. This is a nonlapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st, 2006, whichever is sooner. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 16**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing a new pickup truck/plow for the transfer station solid waste facility. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st, 2006, whichever is sooner. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 17**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)** to be added to the Solid Waste Center Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 18**: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under RSA 35:1 for the purpose for building and site improvements at the transfer station and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** to be placed in this fund. Also to see if the municipality will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 19**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** to build a 16 x 20 addition to the AVAS building for storage and equipment repairs. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until

completed or by December 31st, 2006, whichever is sooner. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)

- **ARTICLE 20**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000.00)** to purchase a new pickup truck with plow for the Parks & Recreation/Grounds Maintenance Department and to authorize the withdrawal of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) from the Capital reserve fund created for that purpose. The balance of Twenty-One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) is to come from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until purchased or by December 31st, 2006, whichever is sooner. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 21**: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of permanent improvements and betterments to the town beach/park on Route 28A and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500.00**) to be placed in this fund. Also to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the beach repair Capital Reserve fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 22**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$52,000.00)** for the purpose of repairing the town docks. The sum of \$26,000 to come from fund balance (surplus) and \$26,000 to be raised from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the repairs are completed or by December 31, 2006, whichever is sooner. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Five Million Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars (\$5,018,998.00) for general municipal operations. The Selectmen recommend (\$5,023,239.00). This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 24**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ninety-Three Thousand-Five-Hundred Dollars (\$93,500.00)** and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$93,500 from the Ambulance Operation fund as previously established under RSA 31: 95c for the purpose of the ambulance lease payment, ambulance personnel wages and ambulance supplies. There will be no funds raised from general taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 25**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-Five Thousand-Eight-Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$25,870.00)** for the purpose of purchasing an Argo Off Road Rescue vehicle for use by the Fire Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until the vehicle is purchased or by December 31st, 2006. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 26**: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of improving and expanding the Alton Fire Stations and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00)** to be placed in that fund. Also to vote to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the Fire Stations capital reserve fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)

- **ARTICLE 27**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand-Seven Hundred Dollars (\$50,700.00)** for the lease payment on the Fire Rescue Vehicle. The sum of \$50,700 to come from fund balance (surplus) and no funds to be raised from general taxation. This is the payment on the lease/purchase of a five-year agreement. This is a special warrant article. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 28**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)** to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Account. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 29**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00)** for the purpose of installing a vehicle exhaust system in the West Alton Fire Station. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st, 2006. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 30**: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00)** for the purpose of equipping the new Rescue vehicle. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st, 2006. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 31**: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing protective gear for the Fire Department personnel. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st, 2006. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 32**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 33**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00)** to be added to the Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant Fund estimated to be \$157,090.61. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 34**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** to be added to the Sand Shed Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 35**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred-Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00)** to be added to the Highway Equipment/Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)
- **ARTICLE 36**: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred-Ninety Four Dollars (\$58,894.00)** for the purpose of supporting the following community organizations:

(1) Alton Community Services Program	\$ 7,500.00
(2) American Red Cross	1,397.00
(3) Community Action Program	7,771.00
(4) Genesis	5,985.00
(5) Medication Bridge Prescription Drug Assistance Program	371.00
(6) Lakes Region Community Services Council	600.00
(7) New Beginnings	1,300.00
(8) VNA - Hospice	14,075.00
(9) Youth Services Bureau	15,995.00
(10) Community Health & Hospice Inc. Laconia	3,900.00

This is a special warrant article. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to reduce the number of elected members-at-large of the budget committee from 9 to 5. This amendment if adopted by the Town shall become effective at the 2006 Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 38: To hear any reports of any committee, board, trustees, commissions, officials, agents or concerned voters and to vote to accept the same. Furthermore to conduct any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

UNDER THE SEAL OF THE TOWN and given under our hand on this the 7th day of February, 2005, by the Alton Board of Selectmen. ATTEST:

Patricia Fuller, Chairman Alan Sherwood, Vice-Chairman Stephan McMahon, Selectmen Cris Blackstone, Selectmen